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### R E M A R K S

In response to the Office action of July 14 , 2003, applicants elect the claims of Group I, namely, claims 1-10, with traverse.

Applicants have previously presented claim 19 directed to apparatus defining "means" for performing the steps of the method claims. As previously indicated in Applicants' submission of April 25, 2003, claim 19 is a linking claim and, in accord with MPEP, Section 806.05(e), "must be examined with the elected invention...." In this regard, the following is a partial quotation from MPEP § 806.05(e):

--If the apparatus claims include a claim to "means" for practicing the process, the claim is a linking claim and must be examined with the elected invention. If it is ultimately allowed, rejoinder is required. See MPEP § 809.04.-- (Emphasis added.)

Action on the merits of the claims is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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